



November 15, 2017

Kathy Nyland, Director
Seattle Department of Neighborhoods
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Re: Support for Alcohol Impact Area

Dear Ms. Nyland:

The Board of Directors of the East Precinct Advisory Council (EastPAC) enthusiastically supports the current Central Core Alcohol Impact Area designation. We know first-hand that this policy has played a significant role in decreasing chronic inebriation and the associated negative impact on our public resources and community.

Easy access to fortified alcohol, lower-price beer and wine products to chronic inebriates is as destructive to the individuals as to the surrounding community. Chronic inebriation gives rise to nuisance and criminal behavior, including loitering, trespassing, assaults and theft, with the inebriate just as likely to be a victim as an offender. That, plus the cast off bottles, cans and related trash contributes to an unwelcoming, neglected and unsafe neighborhood.

Since the AIA took effect in November 2006, we have noticed a decrease in the number of chronic inebriates in our community, concluding that the AIA's limiting access to targeted alcohol beverages was significant. Community cleanups have revealed less alcohol-related trash in areas that previously were frequented by chronic inebriates. The net effect of these changes is positive for our community, although there is still more to be done.

Please do not restrict or limit, in any way, the Central Core and other city AIAs. Our public resources, police and EMS, are significantly limited, and they need every tool available to minimize chronic inebriation in Seattle. EastPAC, a community group dedicated to creating and sustaining safe neighborhoods, counts on the AIA to help us achieve our mission. Keep the AIA.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy Meyers", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Troy Meyers
EastPAC, Chair